

Application Serial No. 09/922,935
Attorney Docket No. 92654-004-401
Reply to Office Action dated Jan. 27, 2005

REMARKS

By this Amendment the following objections are addressed:

Objection to Abstract

The Abstract has been amended as requested.

Objections to Disclosure

The card reader/writer should be element 13. The specification has been amended to reflect this.

Objections to Drawing

Element 15 has been added to the drawing. Replacement drawing FIG. 1 is submitted herewith.

Explanation under Rule 41.202(a)

Applicant believes that he will prevail in the interference due to an earlier priority date. Applicant has a filing date of August 7, 2001 and claims priority to the following U.S. applications: 09/658,622 filed Sept. 8, 2000, which is a Divisional of 08/670,599 filed June 26, 1996, which is a CIP of 08/421,486 filed April 13, 1995. U.S. Patent 6,098,879, from which claims were copied, has a filing date of February 17, 1998 and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/060,066, filed Sept. 26, 1997.

Assuming, without admitting or agreeing, that the claims of the '879 Patent are entitled to the earliest claimed filing date of Sept. 26, 1997, the present application has a much earlier filing date of at least as early as June 26, 1996 or April 13, 1995.

For at least these reasons, Applicant should prevail in an interference. Applicant reserves the right to establish an earlier date of invention if necessary.


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CONCLUSION

All grounds of objection have been addressed. Reconsideration is requested. In light of the foregoing, a notification of allowability, subject to the interference, is requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A